

ALVIN MANSEL'S INNOCENT PEOPLE FROM ASHEVILLE SAY

It Would Be a Grave Injustice, They Declare, to Allow Him to Die in the Electric Chair.

APPEAR BEFORE GOVERNOR McLEAN

Special Hearing Before Governor of Those Seeking a Commutation of Mansel's Sentence.

Raleigh, June 29.—Alvin Mansel is innocent. He did not make the attack on the Asheville woman who later identified him as her assailant, and is the victim of mistaken identity. It would be nothing short of a grave miscarriage of justice for the State of North Carolina to allow him to die in the electric chair.

This was the burden of the contention of those who appeared before Governor A. W. McLean here Monday at a special hearing granted by the governor to those seeking the commutation of his sentence from death to one of lesser severity—or an absolute pardon. And the contention was substantiated by a mass of affidavits constituting new evidence to show that the young Asheville negro had nothing to do with the crime, knew nothing of the crime and was entirely innocent of it, in that his whereabouts have been accounted for throughout the entire period during which the crime is alleged to have taken place.

But that is not all. Six of the twelve jurors who convicted Mansel on the evidence as introduced in the trial, have signed a letter addressed to Governor McLean, that in view of the new evidence that has been found, and submitted to them since the trial, they are sure that there is a reasonable doubt as to Mansel's guilt. The other six jurors have either removed from Buncombe county or were away at this time and could not be reached with the new evidence.

"But I have not the slightest doubt that every one of the twelve men on the jury would have signed that letter, could they all have been reached," Hall Johnson, attorney for Mansel, who is now leading in the effort to have his sentence commuted, told Governor McLean at the hearing.

"It is not at all strange that Mansel was convicted under the conditions that existed at the time of the trial," said Johnson. "In the first place, I was given less than a day to prepare the case before the trial started. Even then I was able to account for his whereabouts during the day of the crime for but only 45 minutes of the time. But this only by affidavits from patients in the sanatorium where he was employed. I could not take these witnesses into court from their sick beds."

"Then there was the intense feeling that prevailed at the time. Feeling was so hot you could cut it off in chunks. There were the national guardsmen outside the courthouse and inside the courthouse, with their guns always ready. Why, at one time, when I started to get up to speak I stumbled over one of those miserable guns and almost broke my leg."

"But now I would not be afraid to go before any jury anywhere, under any conditions and retry this case. And I would acquit that boy. The night before the trial started I went to the jail and told the warden to lock me up in a cell with Mansel where we could talk alone and undisturbed. I tried at that time every method I knew of to get him to confess. I argued with him, pleaded with him, bullied him—did everything I could to get some sort of a statement out of him tending to show me that he had some knowledge of the crime. And at the end of that two hours or more, I left that jail firmly convinced that that young negro boy was as innocent of the charges as I was. And now I am more sure than ever that he is innocent. He did not commit that attack. And he should not be allowed to die in the electric chair for a crime that he did not commit," Johnson told the governor in making one of the most fervent pleas for a man's life that has ever been made.

Governor McLean deferred his decision, taking the case under consideration until an indeterminate date.

Taxi Driver in Court For Frank in Funeral Line.

Durham, June 28.—Jesse Durham, negro taxi cab driver, who was arrested yesterday after he is alleged to have disturbed a funeral procession, will be given a hearing in court tomorrow.

He is alleged to have driven his car through the funeral procession, between an automobile in which several ministers were riding and the car containing the pall bearers.

TREND OF INQUIRY BRINGS OBJECTION FROM EVANGELIST

Aimee Semple McPherson Says Investigation Has Been Centered on Her Instead of on Criminals.

NO LOVE AFFAIR IN THE MATTER

Evangelist Describes Sort of Man She Wants and Says So Far She Has Never Seen Such Ideal.

Los Angeles, June 29.—(AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson has expressed her displeasure with the trend which the investigation of her story that she was kidnapped and taken to Mexico has developed.

As the district attorney and police continue their inquiry today the evangelist denounced those who doubt her explanation of her five weeks' absence which started when she vanished at Ocean Park, May 18th, and ended when she was found at Agua Prieta, Mexico, last Wednesday.

"Instead of being centered on the criminals, it (the investigation) has centered on me," she said. "The pastor scoffed at the possibility that she might have disappeared because of a love affair. 'The man I marry has not appeared on the scene yet,' she declared, and then proceeded to draw a word picture of her ideal. 'He must be good looking. He must be six feet tall or more. He must be a preacher. He must have certain rigid standards. He must play the trombone, and be a good singer, and he must be a good and holy man.'

The description, she added, tallies with no one she knows now. The Los Angeles Times says that according to information received from Douglas, Arizona, the man and woman known as "Steve" and "Rose" who Mrs. McPherson declares kidnapped her, have been definitely located near Naco, Arizona.

The pair are under surveillance of the Mexican authorities, the newspaper says, and upon expiration of their permit to cross the Mexican border they will be escorted to the boundary near Agua Prieta, then they will be taken into custody on suspicion of kidnaping. It is understood, the Times states, that Mrs. McPherson and her husband are in Mexico on a five day permit which has been renewed.

DIVERSIFICATION IS WATCHWORD IN VANCE

Farmers Going In More and More For Varied Type of Agriculture.

Henderson, June 29.—Sideline activities of farmers in Vance county are beginning to take on turn this season, and more and more the farmers are turning to other means of income than tobacco and cotton, either for many years almost the sole reliance of the growers for their money income.

County Farm Agent J. C. Anthony reported today the procuring of 35 heads of shoats by J. G. Puckett and M. T. Greenway, who are co-operating on their farms a few miles east of the city in a demonstration to show how money can be made in raising pork.

The county at this time also has at least one commercial peach orchard, which covers only seven acres but which is expected to average two bushels of fruit, and which may net the owner, W. H. Ayscue, from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for his crop. This is in addition to Mr. Ayscue's other crops and has so clearly demonstrated the possibilities of peaches in this section that it is regarded as not improbable that there may be additional orchards next year to supplement the farm incomes.

All of these side lines are in addition to poultry on hundreds of farms, and the dairy industry, which is now being agitated.

Stanly Spared Second Primary on Saturday.

Albemarle, June 28.—There will be no second primary for Stanly county.

For a few days after the primary of June 5 it looked like a second primary would be necessary in order to secure the nomination of a member of the board of education and a county commissioner, but those candidates, entitled to demand a second primary, have announced that they are "out of the race," that they are not anxious enough for the office to put the county to the cost and trouble of holding a second primary.

Newest Wet Trick Uncovered



Torpedoes, carrying Scotch malt and weighted so that only the top remained above water, were found on the schooner Rosie M. B., captured off Montauk Point, N. Y. They could have been towed to port unseen.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 5 to 10 Points With July Off to 18:01 During First Hour.

New York, June 29.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 5 to 10 points upon liquidation, local and southern selling which appeared to be based on relatively easy Liverpool cables and a favorable interpretation of the early weather and crop news.

July sold off to 18.01 and December to 16.38 before the end of the first hour, active months generally showing net declines of 10 to 17 points. Another private crop report estimated the condition at 75.5 per cent, and the decrease in acreage .9 of 1 per cent. The crop indication was placed at 15,482,000 bales, with a possibility of 13,900,000 in the current season.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 18.18; October 16.62; December 16.48; January 16.20; March 18.35.

Boone State Normal Taxed to Capacity

Boone, June 28.—The Appalachian State Normal is being taxed to its capacity with an enrollment of 916 teachers who are taking professional courses. Sixty-six counties and seven states are represented in this enrollment. There are five from Wilson county. Their names follow: Willie Taylor, Mittie Wiggins, Elizabeth Wiggins, Maude Davis, Esther Cobb.

The Appalachian State Normal has a plant of 500 acres of land, 12 modern school buildings, a dairy, telegraph, water system and power plant. The plant is valued at more than a million dollars.

The school makes a specialty of training teachers for elementary schools. According to Mrs. T. E. Johnston, supervisor of high school teacher training, "The Appalachian State Normal is the largest school in North Carolina bent on training teachers for elementary schools."

Dr. W. S. Rankin Back in Charlotte Feeling Fine.

Charlotte, June 28.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, head of the hospitalization section of the Duke endowment, injured two weeks ago in an automobile accident near Hamlet, was returned to his home here and was on the streets yesterday.

"Feeling fine," said the doctor when asked how he was. Dr. Rankin sustained injuries on his head and a broken rib and breast bone when his automobile overturned near the Morrison bridge after skidding in the sand.

His wife and son, both of whom were in the automobile when it overturned, were only slightly injured.

Scripture on Highway Advised as Crime Curb.

Spartanburg, S. C., June 28.—"I hope to see the day when there will be posted on trees and rock along the highways passages of the Scripture warning the sinner," Rev. J. D. Henderson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, declared in a sermon to his flock.

WOMEN DISCUSS AT ASHEVILLE NEEDS FOR WORLD PEACE

Josephine Schain Says We Must Stop Talking and Actually Do Something to Bring World Peace.

OUTLINE SOME OF PROPOSALS

Women Voters Will Be Asked to Support Proposals Which Must Have O. K. of Conference.

Asheville, June 29.—(AP)—Emphasizing that it is time to stop prattling about America's isolation from other countries about keeping out of Europe, about not pipping up with the rest of the world, and urging that "we face the fact that we must co-operate with the rest of the world in order to insure our own security," Miss Josephine Schain, director of the Department of International Co-operation to Prevent War, of the National League of Women Voters, speaking this morning at the second day's session of the seven regional conferences meeting here, presented a program of proposed legislation looking to furthering the movement for international peace, which the National League has prepared for study by the local league organizations.

The measures for which the support of women voters is solicited: The establishment of a permanent court of international justice effective for peace; progressive codification of international law; all measures designed to affect the outlawry of war; measures permitting the United States to take part in the international reduction of armaments, and to participate officially in economic and humanitarian conferences, and commissions designed to promote international harmony.

SAYS FUND TO FIGHT NYE HAS BEEN RAISED

Senator's Secretary Says the Money Has Come Through Administration Channels.

Washington, D. C., June 29.—(AP)—Charges that a "huge slush fund" has been attained through administrative channels of support to be used in North Dakota to defeat Senator Nye, a Republican, have been presented to the Senate campaign committee by D. H. McArthur, secretary to the senator. The primary is to be held tomorrow.

The charges declared the purpose was to send to the Senate L. B. Hanna, campaign manager for President Coolidge in North Dakota, in the 1924 campaign.

Specifically it was stated that the fund was being used to make a house to house canvass in North Dakota to get out the vote on election day.

DELLINGER PREPARING STORY OF HIS LIFE

He Is Absolutely Sure He Is Charley Ross, He Says.

Denver, N. C., June 29.—Julius C. Dellinger, socialist-charley Ross, the Pennsylvania boy who was kidnapped 52 years ago, now is preparing his life story for publication.

Back in this little Carolina hamlet after going to New York and Philadelphia in an effort to convince the Ross family that he is the flax-haired boy whose disappearance started the nation, the would-be heir to the Keystone fortune is working daily with the expectancy of having his life story ready for Fall publication.

Meanwhile Dellinger is not "speaking for publication" unless he make some revelation that might interfere with the sale of his book. However—

Says Elms Got Liqueur Off Carolina Coast

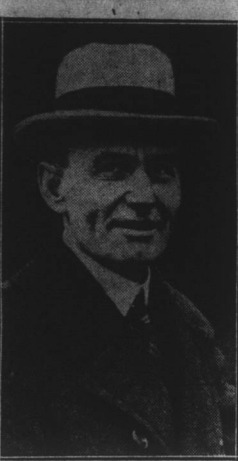
Wilmington, N. C., June 29.—(AP)—The 47,000 cases of assorted H liquor found on the steamer Elms which was towed into port here Saturday by the United States coast guard cutter Manning was loaded on the craft from a schooner a few miles off the coast of Morehead City Monday afternoon, June 21st, according to statement made by a seamank who says he was the cook on the Elms, to a representative of the News-Dispatch this morning.

Vote of Confidence For Briand.

Paris, June 29.—(AP)—The chamber of deputies today voted confidence in the new Briand government, giving it a majority of 162.

Photography without plates or films is declared possible under a device invented by a South African chemist. Pictures are taken directly on sensitized paper and the image developed in a few seconds.

Under Probe



A resolution was introduced in the Senate asking Secretary of Agriculture Jardine to explain his reported connection with a Chicago school alleged to be teaching methods of beating rules of grain exchanges which Jardine himself made.

CROPS ARE SHOWING MUCH IMPROVEMENT

Trip Made by Mr. Parker in an Auto Equipped With a "Cropmeter."

Raleigh, June 29.—Crops in the eastern section of the state are showing much improvement as the result of the rains of the last ten days, according to Frank Parker, state agriculturalist of the department of agriculture, who returned to Raleigh today following a trip of five days extending through the eastern section of the state. The trip was made in an automobile equipped with the "cropmeter," a specially designed instrument on the structure design of a speedometer, that measures the acreage of various crops adjacent to the highway.

Cotton and tobacco are both greatly improved in condition, although both crops are still backward and will continue to be so, as the result of the late, dry spring. The development of these two crops, of course, is also dependent on the kind of weather that prevails from now on. But according to the law of averages, the weather should be about normal for this season and the crops progress rapidly.

Some revival of truck crops is being experienced as the result of the rains, but in some instances the stands were too badly damaged by the drought to be revived by the rain. This is especially true of the dewberry crop, although the bean crop is being revived somewhat.

Corn is doing much better than had been expected and the prospect now is for a fairly good crop. Wheat and rye are in excellent condition, showing no bad effects from the long dry spell. Oats, however, are very poor in most instances.

Pastures and forage crops are coming along nicely as the result of the recent rains.

GEORGE N. HUTTON DIES IN MICHIGAN

Was Resident of Hickory Where He Controlled Big Lumber Company.

Hickory, N. C., June 29.—(AP)—News reached here this morning of the death in Battle Creek, Mich., late yesterday of Geo. N. Hutton, multimillionaire manufacturer of this city. He was under treatment at the Michigan health resort.

Mr. Hutton was one of the most prominent and one of the wealthiest men in this immediate section. He was born in Windsor, Canada, 57 years ago, and during his youth moved to Lake Huron, Mich., where he was actively engaged in the lumber business. In the fall of 1896 he came to Hickory and bought out the old Catawba River Lumber Co., which was run as a partnership of Hutton & Bourbonnais until 1907, when the concern was incorporated under the same name. Since the death of A. Bourbonnais several years ago Mr. Hutton had been president, and had control of the lumber company which he helped organize.

Says Women Can Add to Years By Sports and Shingled Hair

London, June 28.—Women devoted to short hair and athletics will be cheered by the declaration of the medical officer of health of Loughridge County, Antrim, that sports and shingling add five years to a woman's life. He advises all girls who have not already done so, to get shingled immediately.

Judge Settles Novel Point in Liqueur Law Observance

Greensboro, June 28.—A man can't buy a pint of liquor on a doctor's prescription in Waco, Tex., and bring it here for medical purposes, even if he doesn't touch a drop of it, according to a ruling of Judge D. H. Collins in municipal court here today. That was the defense of G. W. Wood, charged with possession of a pint, but he was fined fifty dollars.

DECLARES NATIONS OF WORLD LOOKING FOR AMERICAN IDEALS

Bishop Frederick Fisher Says That America Must Show Her Wealth and Ideals Universal.

AMERICA STILL HAS ROMANCE

Other Nations Thrill at American Invention, Efficiency, Luxury, Speed and Daring.

Chicago, June 29.—(AP)—The task of America is to make her prosperity, comfort, and spiritual ideals universal, Bishop Frederick Fisher, of Calcutta, India, today told the World Service Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convening in annual session.

All the nations of the world are awake with refreshing idealism but await the sacrificial leadership of America, he said.

"America has not lost her romance," the Bishop asserted. It is not Aladdin's lamp or the Arabian carpet which now thrills the mind of childhood, but the wonder of American invention, luxury, speed, efficiency and daring.

A heightened morale in benevolent work throughout Methodism was noted by Dr. R. J. Wade, executive secretary of the committee. In his annual report to the commission Dr. Wade emphasized that the recent downward trend for missionary work at home and abroad had been checked.

The total receipts for the benevolent and missionary work to the World Service Commission last year were \$8,119,533, Dr. O. W. Auman, treasurer, reported. This represented an increase for every month except two over the corresponding period the year before.

GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE ANOTHER'S

Former Rockingham Youth Plunges Into Pool and Rescues Girl.

Reidsville, June 28.—There was an unusually sad funeral Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the new cemetery, Spray, when Otis Ray Knight, of Berwind, West Virginia, was interred there, on the nineteenth anniversary of his birth. He was the only son of J. M. Knight, of Fieldale, and had been living in West Virginia for about ten months.

Tuesday evening, while he was standing on a bridge overlooking the new swimming pool in Berwind, he saw a young girl, Miss Gridelli, in the water give a signal of distress. Without hesitation, and without taking time to remove shoes or clothing, he leaped from the bridge to the lake. The girl had gone down twice, and he caught her, as she was being sucked into a whirlpool, and held her up, struggling against the treacherous suction until a friend, A. L. Fulcher, came to the rescue of the girl, but could not save them both.

Mr. Knight lost his life, but saved hers. Both were good swimmers. A Carnegie medal has been applied for him, who performed this heroic deed, and fought against such heavy odds.

HEFLIN OPPOSED TO CONGRESS ADJOURNMENT

Until Something Has Been Done to Dispose of Muscle Shoals.

Washington, June 29.—(AP)—Senator Heflin, democrat, of Alabama, today notified the Senate that he would oppose adjournment of Congress unless some arrangement was made to dispose of the Muscle Shoals problem.

If it is not to be taken up at this session, he said, he wanted some understanding as to when it would be considered.

I am tired of a lot of grafters and propagandists living in luxury here in Washington on the people of the Tennessee Valley," he added.

"If senators don't agree with them they hire newspapers to attack them and have cartoonists ridicule them as they have done me. We ought to dispose of Muscle Shoals and give the farmers the benefit of the fertilizer and the government the income from the power."

Sidna Allen Chooses Leaksville for Home.

Danville, Va., June 28.—Sidna Allen has decided not to enter the real estate business in Raleigh, N. C. Instead, he will open a cedar chest factory at Leaksville, N. C. He is engaged in forming a small company to finance its operations. Allen has been appearing at exhibitions in this section recently exhibiting articles in woodwork which he makes while in prison in Richmond following conviction with the shooting up of the court at Hillsville. One of these is a 50-pound pedestal table containing 75,000 pieces of wood. There are no nails in the table which has been greatly admired. Sidna Allen's family will say farewell permanently to Carroll county and will join him at Leaksville, where his brother lives, one day in the near future.

Agree to Debate Rivers and Harbors Bill.

Washington, June 29.—(AP)—A tentative agreement to take up the rivers and harbors bill on next December 10th and to limit debate after December 15 was reached today by leaders on both sides in the Senate.

PEPPER DENIES HE TRANSFERRED BY AGENT FOR PRIMARY

Did Not Know Anything About F. C. Baird Being Sent From His Regular District.

OTHER CHARGES HE DENIED ALSO

Says He Did Not Seek the Support of State Senator Patrick Joyce as Was Charged.

Washington, June 29.—(AP)—Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania told the Senate campaign funds committee today that he had nothing to do with the transfer of Federal Prohibition Administrator F. C. Baird from Philadelphia to Philadelphia just before the republican state primary in which the Senator was defeated for re-nomination.

"The removal was not done at my instance or with my knowledge," Senator Pepper said. "Any statement to that effect if made here was made in ignorance of the facts or as a deliberate misstatement."

From previous witnesses the committee has heard testimony that Pittsburgh was thrown "wide open" upon Baird's withdrawal, and that the sign-walkers displayed posters advertising the Mellon-supported Pepper-Fisher ticket.

Senator Pepper told the committee today that Wm. G. Murdoch, director at Philadelphia, has been asked to resign that he was advised of this, but followed his usual practice of not interfering in prohibition matters.

"I had complete confidence in Mr. Murdoch," the Senator added. He called attention to testimony which he said referred he had obtained the support of State Senator Patrick Joyce in Luzerne county, by having a claim against Joyce by the Internal Revenue Bureau settled.

"The fact is," Senator Pepper said, "I never heard of the existence of any such claim."

When Senator Pepper concluded Chairman Reed told him the committee would call him later for questioning on a matter which had not yet been inquired into.

JUDGE OGLESBY TO HOLD McDOWELL COURT

Will Exchange With Judge Shaw, Who Will Hold the Court in Ashe.

Raleigh, June 29.—At the request of Judge Thomas J. Shaw and Judge Jno. M. Oglesby, Governor A. W. McLean today issued an exchange of courts between these two judges for two weeks, beginning July 12th, when Judge Oglesby will go to McDowell county and Judge Shaw to Ashe county.

Judge N. A. Sinclair has also been commissioned to hold Catawba county court for two weeks, beginning July 5th, instead of Judge Bryson, who has resigned. No successor to Judge Bryson has yet been appointed.

With Our Advertisers.

Linens, suits, \$11.95, palm beach suits, \$2.95. The union suits, 85 cents at Browns-Cannon Co's, big sale.

H. B. Wilkinson is giving 25 per cent off on all rugs and druggets (except linoleum). You can get a \$27.50 value tapestry 9x12 feet druggets for only \$20.63. Many other big values too.

Pasteurized milk helps to keep baby happy and contented. Get it from the Cabarrus Creamery. The Rife Hardware Co. carries a full line of Russian hardware, locks, knobs, escutcheons and fasteners for all kinds of doors and windows.

But little to pay and a long-time to pay it in, if you take advantage of the Rund tank heater offer of the Concord and Kamasol Gas Co. It costs only \$22.95 installed, 65 cents down and only 50 cents a week, payable monthly. See big ad, today.

Wonderful assortment of Dumarets prints and Everfast prints at Robinson's, only 38 cents a yard.

Go to Happy Vally Lake Estates. Due to an injury to the big bus, only a few of the people who were to take the trip to Happy Vally Lake Estates today were able to go. Among the people who went up in the motor cars of the company were: C. H. Lintaker, H. B. Troutman, D. C. Cline, D. A. Kress, C. O. Linker and M. L. Upright. The bus will be in fine shape for the trip tomorrow and more than twenty people are expected to go.

Rev. E. G. Carson Goes to Statesville A. R. P. Church.

Salisbury, June 28.—E. G. Carson, who has been acting as supply pastor for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Salisbury, is giving up this work to take charge of the church at Statesville. He has recently been elected pastor of the Presley Memorial church.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, possibly showers on the coast, rising temperatures in central and west portions Wednesday. Moderate northeast winds.